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COLD WEATHER MAYHEM

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SENIOR REPORTER

While most students were safe and warm at home during Winter Break, record-breaking cold weather took its toll on Milledgeville.

The cold resulted in a handful of troubles for Baldwin County and Georgia College, both of which were unaccustomed to the freezing weather.

Freezing Pipes and Ruined Rooms

The first week of 2014 was ushered in with biting cold, brought on by the polar vortex that froze much of the Midwest and surprised the South. The evening of Jan. 7 was the coldest night of all in Milledgeville, with temperatures

dropping to 11 F.

"I've never experienced that kind of cold in Milledgeville," said Brooke Pearson, junior early childhood education major. Pearson left her faucets running in her West Green Street home to avoid her pipes freezing to no avail.

Likewise, two fire suppression lines running through Buildings 4 and 6 at The Village froze that Tuesday. The frozen lines, which feed water to the fire sprinklers, ruptured, causing the top floors of the buildings to flood.

Community Advisor Jess Mueller, a junior accounting major, was one of the first to see the damage.

"The worst damage was definitely in the rooms on the top floor," she said in a phone interview. "The ceilings were gone and the floors had to be

stripped. The rooms on the lower levels had water damage on the walls from water trickling down."

Approximately 40 students were affected by the flooding. Beyond aesthetic damage, a handful of affected students also lost personal belongings.

An emergency email went out to all those a part of GC two days later requesting a "special 'Cat Crew' that will help [the affected students] with packing, moving and laundry."

Fortunately, dozens of volunteers showed up on Friday, Jan. 9 to help with not only clearing the damage, but assisting affected students in any way they could.

"There were a lot of people there willing to help," said Barret Roell, a senior management and marketing double

major who volunteered his time on Friday. "I almost felt like we had more volunteers than we needed. I really think we made an impact on [the damage]."

According to University Communications, about 40 volunteers from GC spent their Friday afternoon at West Campus helping students affected by the flooding. They packed up belongings, moved students to their new locations and provided general support.

"Really, there's no way to prepare for that kind of situation," said Brittney Johnson of University Communications. "But [clean up on Friday] went so smoothly, and from my perspective, it went better than we could've imagined. There was so much support there."

The few students whose

WHAT'S SO POLAR VORTEX?

"Strong area of low pressure that wanders around the Arctic throughout the winter. Winds around the vortex occasionally push waves of intensely cold air into the U.S."

frosty facts

- ★ Temperatures are lower than they've been in 20 years.
- ★ Vortex usually moves slowly or stays stationary.
- ★ Its position determines what part of the U.S. will be affected.
- ★ Vortex core has moved to over the U.S. — basically the cold air that's normally over the Arctic is now over the central & eastern U.S.

Source: USA Today

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Homeless, cold in Milledgeville

SCOTT CARRANZA,
CONSTANTINA KOKENES & ANDY HITT
SENIOR REPORTERS

When water pipes begin freezing and citizens have to boil their water in case of sewage contamination, it's safe to assume the cold weather has evolved from nuisance to hazard. With that in mind, the local homeless community is no doubt in trouble when the water begins to freeze on the streets.

However, there are no programs that aid the homeless or impoverished in the city's budget.

According to Milledgeville's annual adopted budget (FY 2012), millions of dollars are allocated to general funds, which range from elections to economic development, but not a penny goes to homeless aid.

The past three fiscal years of the budget show no record of any allocation to a homeless program of any kind. Mayor Richard Bentley described the process as something out of the city's legal reach.

"That is a social service that is typically handled through other agencies like Maranatha, Salvation Army or Milledgeville Cares," Bentley said. "It's not something we [the city] actually sponsor or are responsible for. It's difficult to give taxpayer money to social services if we don't have some sort of affiliation with them."

Bentley claimed that the elimination of certain Central State Hospital programs may be a reason for the increase in the homeless population.

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Vampires invade Central State

MARK WATKINS
SENIOR REPORTER

Well, it looks like Milledgeville is getting a taste of the burgeoning Atlanta film scene.

More than 150 cast, crew and extras made their way to Central State Hospital this past weekend to film scenes from "The Originals," a spin-off of the wildly successful "The Vampire Diaries."

The show centers on Klaus Mikaelson (Joseph Morgan), the head of the first family of vampires from The CW Network's show "The Vampire Diaries," and his struggle to regain power in New Orleans, which he helped build long ago.

The Jones and Binion buildings at Central State were the set for a series of flashback scenes focusing on Klaus's sister, Rebekah Mikaelson (Claire Holt). In the scenes Holt plays a nurse working at a hospital filled with victims of the 1918 flu pandemic which are cut into scenes of her walking into the same room during the present day.

Jack O'Connor, a junior community health major and extra in the scenes, played one of her patients.

"They had me coughing up fake blood, and they put make-up on me so it looked like I had a bunch of varicose veins on my face," O'Connor said.

O'Connor was on set for about five hours a day for two days and 12 hours on the last day of filming.

"It's a long time to be there, but most of the time you're just standing around waiting for the main actors to show up," O'Connor said. "I tried to keep myself busy talking to the other extras there."

O'Connor said people had traveled from Florida and North Carolina to be in the show. Most work as extras as a side job, but some have turned it into a full-time occupation.

"A guy that I was talking to said he makes \$15,000 to \$20,000 per year just going around and being an extra," O'Connor said.

The filming spells good things for Central State, which has faced continual dilapidation



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE CW
Claire Holt, who plays Rebekah Mikaelson on "The Originals," was present at Central State Hospital during filming. CSH was the backdrop of a flashback scene, in which Holt played a nurse in a hospital.

tion after most of its programs ceased to exist years ago.

"We had folks from Los Angeles here last week," Mike Couch, director of the Central State Redevelopment Authority. "You never know who is going to walk onto the campus and say 'Not only do I do films here, but I do real estate. I'd like to talk to you.'"

Walter Reynolds, the city councilman for the 6th district (which Georgia College falls in), campaigned on making Milledgeville "camera ready," and he's already started working on a revision to the city's filming ordinance.

The ordinance establishes policies for film crews like minimum amounts of liability insurance, requirements to film on city streets and "all the things that make it possible to go from the idea of filming to the action of filming," Reynolds said.

The city hopes to collaborate with GC on the new ordinances.

"Before [the ordinance] goes to the city council to be discussed or voted on, we are going to send our outline for this ordinance to Georgia Military College and to [GC] and to Georgia Technical College to see if they have any additions that they would like to see," Reynolds said.

Georgia has a large directory of filming locations submitted by people from across the state, but Reynolds thinks there are key spots in Milledgeville that are missing from the list.

"What I really wanted to do was improve upon that by providing our own local directory of sites that are available and adding in all the additional information that film scouts are looking for," Reynolds said.



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION
Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. meets with Lyndon Johnson and other civil rights leaders on Jan. 18, 1964.

Volunteering for MLK

JOHN DILLON
STAFF REPORTER

On Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, you can lounge around the house, do homework, or you can get out and give back to the community.

Students can volunteer and give back to their community at Creekside Elementary, the Early Learning Center and Eagle Ridge Elementary school to help with outside beautification jobs. Students can expect to plant bushes, clean classrooms and playground areas and assist with playground equipment maintenance.

Volunteers can join just by signing up on OrgSync and enjoy snacks and refreshments while they serve. Community service starts at 9 a.m. and runs until noon. Communities in

Schools and the GIVE Center coordinated the volunteer schedule. Volunteers are encouraged to link up with other volunteers for transportation to their assigned school.

Communities in Schools is an organization dedicated to taking Georgia College students and getting them into the Milledgeville community through tutoring, mentorship or community service.

Following the community service, there will be a commemorative march at noon in honor of Rev. King starting at Huley Park and running 1.8 miles to Flagg Chappel Baptist Church.

"The Commemorative March is something that is done every year. [It] really is a way to

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NEWS FLASH

Online MBA program earns ranking

Master of Business Administration and the Master of Science in Nursing Programs received "2014 Best Online Education" rankings from U.S. News & World Report

QUOTABLE

"I feel like I'm a little quirky [and] like I'm a lone wolf. ... I also just love to be sassy."
- David Dingess, senior music education major

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The number of GC cheerleaders on the squad this season

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THE · SHORT · LIST

The top news stories from all over the world as collected, curated and composed by **John Dillon**



1

Decay among the ranks. Thirty-four Air Force nuclear missile launch officers – the guys who press the big red button to launch nuclear missiles – are facing accusations of cheating on proficiency exams and drug use. This comes a month after an Air Force general in charge of the nuclear ballistic missile program was fired for being drunk in Moscow. An investigation is underway into the drunken nuclear debauchery. (CBS News)

2

Pottsmouth politics. Republican Rep. Louie Gohmert of Texas said the federal ruling on same-sex marriage needs “some basic plumbing lessons.” He summarized the court’s decision saying, “Basically, we haven’t seen any biological evidence to support marriage being between a man and a woman.” Gohmert’s comments came during a discussion about changes to state law. (Roll Call)

3

No texting during previews! Curtis Reeves is being held on second-degree murder charges without bail in the shooting and killing of Chad Oulson near Tampa, Fla. Oulson was texting his 3-year-old daughter’s babysitter during the previews. Reeves has a history of theater-age. (CNN)

4

Mother Nature doesn’t come cheap. 2013 was an expensive year for the U.S. with seven major storms causing more than \$1 billion each. The scary thing is that the National Climatic Data Center reports that tornado activity was below average in 2013. (The Daily Beast)

5

Same-sex advances in Oklahoma. On Tuesday, Oklahoma’s ban on gay marriage was declared unconstitutional by a federal judge. Gay marriages won’t be allowed yet due to pending appeals. General support for same-sex marriage appears to be on the rise. (CNN)

6

You’re going into the wrong industry, kids. Clayton Kershaw signed a seven-year, \$215 million contract with the Los Angeles Dodgers. That’s about \$31 million each year before taxes. The Dodgers will have a payroll in excess of \$200 million for the 2014 season. (CBS Sports)

7

Beatles hit the Grammys. Paul McCartney and Ringo Starr will reunite at the 56th Grammy Awards for a performance. Along with the performance, the group will receive the Recording Academy Lifetime Achievement Award. (The Guardian)

8

Alcohol > Tylenol. The FDA released a warning about acetaminophen—better known as Tylenol—overdoses. Their data shows that the benefit of taking more than 325 mg doesn’t outweigh the risk of liver damage. (CNN)

9

Walking on eggshells. Justin Bieber brought in the new year with a bang as police executed a search warrant because of accusations that someone threw eggs from Bieber’s house onto another house. Cool your jets, beliebers, they haven’t arrested Bieber for anything yet. In the mean time, can’t we all act like adults? (CNN)

10

Netflix and you. That fee for Netflix each month might soon change. Netflix could see an increase in delivery costs ranging from \$75 million to \$100 million. But you’ll still pay. (USA Today)

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The return of Got Books?



TAYLER PITTS / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

Got Books? is back, this time on your phone.

JOHN DILLON
SENIOR REPORTER

The bookstore Got Books? many of us used to know on North Wayne Street is no longer around. The overhead cost of rent was too much for the store to support. With more and more students renting, the buy-back rate each semester dwindled, eventually causing Got Books? to close its doors.

Now they are back, but with a different and unorthodox business strategy.

The first step is moving into Inspire Thru Design to establish a stronger presence downtown.

The combination provides Got Books? with a unique location and benefits Inspire Thru Design by bringing in new customers. (fluff sentence) To lower their costs, Got Books? now has an off-site warehouse where they store their books.

The second step is allowing students to get instant text message quotes on their phone by messaging the book’s ISBN to the store’s mobile number. From there, students can walk in with books and out with cash. (This sentence doesn’t make sense)

“Ultimately it will save the students money,” said Jeff Simmons, an employee of Got Books?.

I decided to check this out for myself. I went in with an old Economics paperback book that was out of date. I received a crisp \$1.00 bill for my used book. While that might seem like next to nothing, it’s more than the book made taking up space in my apartment. (I think we should omit this, as it is in first person. This is a news story.)

Those are just the first steps of the book store’s new business strategy. Their goal is to expand their social media presence and create a website and mobile app where students can easily get quotes and buy books.

It’s certainly a new strategy, but thus far it’s been working for Got Books?.

“It’s been okay. We really didn’t know what to expect, because it’s the first time we’ve done anything like this,” said Simmons. “I think we’ve done okay.”

With more and more students renting and using digital books, it’s hard to tell what the future holds for Got Books?, but they plan to be competitive with other stores.

“We’d like to do an app where you can be in the other store and see what the price is and then check ours and buy it with your phone,” said Simmons. “We’re not there yet.”

Only time will tell what the future holds for Got Books?.

Students can get a quote by calling or texting 478-454-7693

MLK Day

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harken back to the civil rights movement and all those different tools, protests and civil resistance that are centered around social justice issues and a way to bring attention to the issues of the day,” said Emmanuel Little, Diversity Retention & Training Coordinator. “It’s a great opportunity for people of all ages to come out and represent an organization and just remember that legacy.”

At 1 p.m., a tribute service in honor of MLK will be held at the Arts & Sciences auditorium.

Students may also attend a Community Cookout at Huley Park. Various food vendors

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*Emmanuel Little,
Diversity Retention Training
Coordinator*

and organizations will be there to raise awareness and foster unity in Milledgeville. There will also be a Conversations to Action panel to discuss current civil rights issues local and domestic.

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Homelessness

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The mayor denied any efforts made by the city to alleviate the situation. “We have not taken that up as an issue,” he said.

The impoverished in Milledgeville have had to rely on community-funded programs for support.

Café Central is one of those community-funded programs. It serves more than 450 plates to financially unstable individuals every Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Located in Freedom Church Family Life Center on Underwood Road, Café Central was founded by Ann Bowen, Donna Gautier and Jeff Simmons in October 2009 in response to a growing need to provide for the surrounding community.

“I don’t know how to do a soup kitchen, I just did ... Something needed to be done. All these people [kept] knocking at the door,” said Bowen.

Café Central uses Wood Fruitticher Grocery Company for its food supply. Monetary and food donations cover 100 percent of expenses, with totals ranging between \$500 - \$700 a week.

Community demand also corresponds with seasonal factors. Food supply on Thanksgiving 2013 exceeded \$2,800.

All monetary donations and expenses paid are documented by Marie Farmer, treasurer of Café Central.

“[Expense] depends on resources and what we’re trying to accomplish,” said Farmer. “It’s really hard to believe, but somehow it works.”

Food orders are delivered every Monday, and hot meals are prepared by 30 to 50 in-house and Georgia College student volunteers. Doug Monroe, professor of mass communication, and Scott Dillard, professor of rhetoric, have increased

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*Richard Bentley,
Milledgeville Mayor*

public awareness and support of the organization within GC.

Café Central also supplies visitors with canned goods and toiletry products.

Any leftovers are delivered to Maranatha Mission Home, another community-funded program home.

The polar vortex continues to take its toll in Milledgeville. Despite these community programs, the homeless community continues to struggle - especially in the winter.

HOMELESSNESS

IN GEORGIA

AREA	COUNTY	NUMBER OF HOMELESS	NUMBER OF BEDS
METRO ATLANTA	COBB	410	410
	FULTON	6300	4889
	GWINNETT	390	393
MIDDLE GEORGIA	BALDWIN	103	12
	BIFF	371	242
	JONES	37	0
AUGUSTA	RICHMOND	494	460
SAYANNAH	CHATHAM	1066	461

Source: Georgia Department of Community Affairs, August 2012

Cold weather

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apartments suffered the most damage are being temporarily relocated to other on-campus housing. According to those interviewed, students seemed to understand that the flooding was not the fault of the University.

“With the students that I interacted with – they were pretty understanding. It sucks that it happened, but they knew that Housing couldn’t help the fact that it was a freak accident,” said Zach Cook, a junior biology major who volunteered on Friday.

Roell also had a positive outlook on the situation.

“I didn’t see anyone who was really angry about it,” said Roell. “The University was doing everything they could to help them out. And maybe it’s a blessing in disguise. It’s an opportunity to be surrounded by a whole new group of people and meet a whole new set of friends. Most of the kids in those buildings are freshmen and sophomores, so it may really help them next year to meet all new people.”

Although the damage to The Village apartments is unfortunate, there is no real way to prepare for such circumstances happening again, according to Justin D. Gaines, associate director of Emergency Preparedness.

“There’s not much you can do to prevent [pipes freezing],” he said. “Our buildings’ infrastructures are not set up to withstand single digit temperatures. There’s really no need.”

Either Gross Water or None at All

Two days after the fiasco at The Village apartments, Baldwin County Water & Sewer issued a boil water notice for all those on the county’s water system.

The water notice was issued due to the extreme cold weather, which beyond causing pipes to freeze also resulted in water pressure dropping to excessively low levels. When this happens, back-siphonage or backflow can occur, resulting in the quality of the water to become unknown – not a good sign for those who like drinking tap water.

Baldwin County Water & Sewer contacted the Environmental Protection Division once its water reserves began being tapped into.

“Once we go below a certain percentage [of water pressure], we call EPD,” said Jason Kidd, Baldwin County Water superintendent. “The EPD advise us, and they...made the decision to send out the water advisory.”

Every GC student received an email or text message from Emergency Services notifying them of the water advisory. However, students living on-campus do not need to boil their water, as they are on the city’s water system.

“The advisory affects a student if they live within the county,” said Gaines. “It does not affect those that live on-campus.”

As of now, the water advisory still stands.

“I’m hoping they will lift the advisory tomorrow morning,” said Kidd on Monday. “We have to take a series of samples [of the water] to verify that everything is okay in the system first. As of now, the samples we’ve already taken have come out alright.”

New Year, New You

ALLYSON WYATT
CONTRIBUTING REPORTER

It’s that time of year again when everyone sets life-changing resolutions that last until about February. Forty-five percent of Americans make News Year’s resolutions every year. Statistics show that only 8 percent of the U.S. population actually achieves their resolution in a year. If you want to be apart of this 8 percent, try these five tips for success.

First, give your resolution a shorter time frame. Resolutions rarely last a whole year, so if you make your resolution to June 1, you are more likely to keep it and be successful.

Next, you need to get started with your goal and commit to it. The number one resolution among people is to get fit, but a lot of people fail because they never even get started with a diet plan or join a gym. Another reason why people fail is because they do not think they cannot afford a monthly gym membership. Before you make the decision of joining a gym, see if there are monthly expenses you can reduce like smoking cigarettes, a daily cup of coffee from Starbucks or weekly drinking with friends at the bar. The average gym membership is \$55 a month, so do your research beforehand and see where you can save money to fit a gym membership into your monthly budget.

It is also important to not give up. Most people give up after their first slip up. Instead of giving up your diet after one late-night slice of pizza or bowl of ice cream, run on the treadmill an extra 10 to 15 minutes that next day. One slip up is not a good reason to give up on your whole goal for the year. Do not forget to also reward yourself on a regular basis. Set bi-weekly or monthly milestones, and if you reach them treat yourself to something healthy and fun like a shopping trip or a movie with friends.

Lastly, get help. We live in a time period where it is easier than ever to keep track of how you are doing by downloading apps on your phone, like My Fitness Pal and other fitness tracking apps. It also helps to tell family and friends how you are doing so you have a support system.

People set many different resolutions for New Year’s. The top resolutions for college students that were surveyed were to get more exercise, use less social media, make better grades and party less. Most Americans set resolutions to lose weight, to better their relationships or are related to money.

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How to achieve your New Year's resolutions in 2014

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5 Easy Steps to a Successful New Year

1. Give your resolution a shorter time frame.

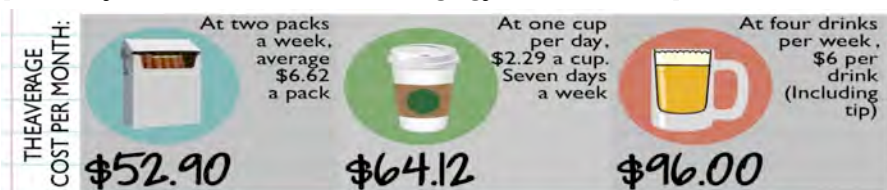
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*percent of people that keep their resolutions

2. Get started and commit already!

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3. Don't give up

Most people give up after their first slip up. Instead of giving up your diet after one late-night slice of pizza, run on the treadmill an extra 10 minutes.

4. Reward yourself

Set monthly milestones, and if you reach them treat yourself to something healthy and fun like a shopping trip.

5. Get help

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What Are Your Resolutions?



"To try and not crack my new iPhone all year."
- Krista Campbell,
Freshmen Accounting
Major



"To get to a solid 185 pounds of muscle"
- Chris Bugg,
Sophomore Biology
Major



"To try and not go downtown as much."
-Morgan Helton,
Sophomore Business
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Dr. Steve Dorman

Georgia College President
Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2014
5:30-6:30 p.m.
Student Activity Center
Magnolia Ballroom

Bio Highlights:

- Current President of Georgia College
- Former Professor and Dean of the College of Health and Human Performance at the University of Florida
- Published Author
- Recipient of the American School Health Association William Howe Award and National Health Educator of the Year Award
- Master's in Public Health and Doctorate in Health Education from the University of Tennessee



Mylle Mangum

Tuesday, March 4, 2014
5:30-6:30 p.m.
Student Activity Center
Magnolia Ballroom

Bio Highlights:

- Current CEO and Owner of IBT Enterprises, LLC
- Current Board Member with Haverty Furniture Companies, The Barnes Group, Express, and PRGX Global
- Former Corporate Executive with True Marketing Services, MMS Incentives, Carlson Wagonlit Travel, Holiday Inn Worldwide, Bellsouth Corporation, and General Electric Company
- Recipient of Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year Southeast Region Honoree (2009) and Finalist (2008)
- Alumnae of Emory University



Ric Crane

Wednesday, April 2, 2014
5:30-6:30 p.m.
Student Activity Center
Magnolia Ballroom

Bio Highlights:

- Former Executive Vice President and Chief Marketing Officer of Windstream Communications
- Senior positions in several Fortune 500 Companies, including GTE, ALLTEL, and Windstream Communications
- Experience in strategic planning, business development, and marketing research and analysis
- 30 years' experience in the telecommunications industry, domestic and international
- MBA from Auburn University, BS in Marketing from Florida State University



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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Friday, January 17

All Day Last day to drop a course

Monday, January 20

All Day Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday

9 a.m. - noon Engaging the Dream: Conversations to Action (Baldwin County Schools)

7:30 p.m. GC Men's Basketball vs GRU Augusta

Wednesday, January 22

1 p.m. Early Childhood and Special Education candidate resume review (Kilpatrick Atrium)

7:30 p.m. GC Men's Basketball vs USC Aiken

Thursday, January 23

2 p.m. Civil Rights icon Joan Trumpauer Mulholland (The Depot)

7:30 p.m. Visiting Writer Jayne Anne Phillips (A&S Auditorium)

NOTE: If you would like to see any events on the calendar, please send them to colonnadenews@gcsu.edu.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

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1 TECHNICAL THEFT

Dec. 10 1:59 p.m. Sgt. Ennis was called to Atkinson Hall about some stolen property. Throughout the semester, several items in the IT closet on the third floor have mysteriously disappeared. Among the missing items are Robotic Cublets and Android tablets.

2 A COUSINS QUARREL

Dec. 14 8:15 p.m. Sgt. Smith and Officer McKinney went to a local residence at the request of the Milledgeville Police Department. There was a fight between two cousins, a man and a woman. They were loud, arguing. The two were warned about fighting, and the woman left to avoid another altercation with her cousin. The fighting did not escalate beyond shoving. *

3 BANNER STOLEN OVER BREAK

Dec. 16 4:28 p.m. A man reported the GC banner missing on the outside wall of MSU. No one knows for sure when the banner was stolen, only that it vanished during winter break. The banner cost \$300.

4 BOBCAT BURGLAR

Dec. 28 8:39 a.m. Sgt. Ennis responded to a call near Atkinson Hall where someone had removed the Bobcat statue near Front Campus from its base and placed it in a trash can. There is slight damage to the base of the statue, and it was placed inside the hallway at Atkinson.



*Incident does not appear on map

Reports obtained from GC Public Safety

5 FORGETFUL STREET RESIDENT

Dec. 30 12:40 a.m. Officer McKinney spotted a guy stumbling into Golden Pantry. The fellow turned to McKinney and asked, "Am I on the right side of town?" He had slurred speech and reeked of alcohol. He knew it was December, but when asked what year it was, he said it was 2011. He consented to a breathalyzer test and blew a .27. McKinney offered him a ride home, but after going to several addresses, the guy could not recall where he lived. He was charged with public drunkenness and taken to the Milledgeville jail. *

6 CHECK YOUR FLY

Dec. 31 11:08 p.m. A young man was standing in the middle of a parking lot with his pants undone. Officer McKinley spotted him and noticed the guy smelled of alcohol and had bloodshot eyes. He was uncooperative, disoriented and couldn't remember his name. After McKinley spoke with him, the guy said the reason his pants were undone was because he had urinated on Front Campus. His blood-alcohol level was .21. He was charged with public drunkenness and transported to the Milledgeville jail. His fake ID was confiscated. *

7 TAKING OUT THE TRASHED

Dec. 31 2:09 a.m. Officer McKinley spotted a student who matched the description of someone who earlier had been seen kicking and throwing trash cans near main campus. The male suspect and a female were standing on the sidewalk in front of the KA fraternity house. Both of them allegedly smelled of alcohol and admitted to drinking downtown. They refused to show McKinley identification and ran into the KA house. After knocking on the door, officers spoke with residents of the house and advised the male to cooperate. He came to the door and admitted to underage drinking. His breathalyzer test registered .11. The underage female, hiding in a nearby bathroom, also registered .11. The two were charged with underage possession of alcohol and taken to the Milledgeville jail. *



GC STUDENTS THEATRE

The strength of every democracy is measured by its commitment to the arts.

— CHARLES SEGARS, CEO OF OVATION

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Our Voice

The smoke, mirrors and seedy side of SeaWorld

Well, it looks like we still think whales are darn cute. SeaWorld Entertainment announced Monday that it collected record revenue of \$1.46 billion at its three namesake destinations in 2013.

That wouldn't be all that interesting if the visceral documentary "Black-fish" hadn't also debuted in 2013. If you haven't seen it (it's on Netflix), it centers on the story of the largest whale in captivity at SeaWorld Orlando, Tilikum.

A visitor would have to had to pay more to get into the park and spent more money in the park...that's a little fishy.

If the name doesn't ring a bell, you might remember catching a bit of the buzz around the death of senior trainer Dawn Brancheau a few years back (2010 to be exact). Tilikum (Tilly for short) grabbed Brancheau by the hair as she stood in a shallow section of the pool and dragged her to the bottom of the deep end, essentially drowning her.

The film, which The New York Times called "delicately lacerating," takes the viewer through the series of interviews with former trainers, witnesses of Tilly's attacks (he's killed three people) and splices in raw footage of the attacks and other gruesome but poignant imagery.

The film also brings whale hunter and diver John Crowe to the forefront of the moral discussion with his tearful admonishments for how he caught and hauled in baby whales. Their mothers wailed. He hasn't seem to have forgotten the sound.

All of that is terrible and makes for visually striking documentary, but the larger goal director Gabriela Cowperthwaite tries to achieve is show the reality behind the shows – to reveal what it's like for animals designed to living in the grand ol' ocean to live their whole lives in what is essentially a bathtub for them. Cue references to animal psychosis and trauma.

SeaWorld has repeatedly refuted the claims made in the film, going so far as to take out full-page ads in major newspapers to prove its point. Consider though, if SeaWorld is really the giant of misinformation the film claims it is, why would it not try to adjust the public opinion?

Whatever your opinions on SeaWorld are, the film is worth watching. And it's on Netflix, so let's count how much effort you don't have to put in to giving it a shot. One, two, click a few, and it's on.

Add the film's considerations with the record revenue SeaWorld received and there's a bit of disappointment in the American public. Do we just not care? Maybe we just don't know.

Now, bounce back to the financial report SeaWorld filed. As details of the report emerged, it appears that the company did log record revenue, but faced a 3.6 percent decline in admissions.

How is this possible?

A visitor would have had to pay more to get into the park and spent more money in the park during the third quarter. That's a little fishy.

It's possible that fourth quarter numbers are the reason for the record revenue, but we won't know for a few weeks. And people will be checking.

I know it sounds like we're against SeaWorld here, but really we're hoping for the best. Most of us us grew up with SeaWorld being on the same level of allure as Disney World. The idea of a scandal at SeaWorld is like finding out Free Willy ended up crashing into and killing Jesse as he jumped over the breakwater to freedom. It just feels wrong.

Letter to the editor

Student responds to professor's rebuttal, sides with assistant ad manager, Alex Patafio

Though Professor Sara Faircloth's response to Alex's claims to the rights of students was, I would hazard to assume, penned with the best of intentions, I couldn't help but notice that the professor's rebuttal implicitly demonstrates the very authoritarian sense of entitlement which plagues the University System of Georgia and was pointed out within Alex's Letter to the Editor.

Yes, the professor is correct in stating that tuition doesn't cover the entire school budget; 32.8 percent of the school's budget does come from state appropriations. However, contrary to the professor's implicit claims, the disbursement of these funds doesn't justify Draconian classroom policies.

With Sara Faircloth's logic, it would follow that as a result of your use of a coupon to purchase a product from a convenience store, you would be justifiably subject to authoritarian conditions dictated by store management. This though, is not the way the cookie crumbles.

Professor Faircloth, if you wish to respond to my retort, you're more than welcome, but I should warn you if students don't like your reply, they might be inclined to grade you poorly on you Instructor Assessment. It's your call.

Welcome to Walmart.

-- Patrick Kelly

Resolution lemmings



by: William Detjen

REAL TALK WITH CONSTANTINA

It's the first week of school, senioritis has already kicked in, apathy ensues

CONSTANTINA KOKENES
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Senioritis is a dangerous thing. You try your hardest to care, but at the end of the day, you're just ready to graduate and move on with your life. It's not that the school is pushing us away, but we've come to that point in our lives where we're so tired of school, our cares just flew away.

My surprise came when it hit me immediately after the first day of classes. I ignored it as not being used to the flow of classes. I was convinced I was still stuck in the laziness that consumed my winter break. However, I noticed it was happening to every senior I knew. After one day of classes, we all seemed to want to skip.

But it has nothing to do with the classes - well, not for me at least. I'm genuinely interested in the classes I'm taking. I believe we're just ready to be adults, which is funny because it's something that also terrifies us. So we avoid our work and complain about how it doesn't matter anymore.

At what point does senioritis stop being a joke and start becoming a real issue? Yes, we're exhausted and burned out; we want to sleep in until noon and stream Netflix all day. But that doesn't mean we should stop caring about our work, taking whatever grades we can get.

I've heard a lot of people talk about how they just want to get Cs and get out. I feel like that's the exact opposite of what you should do at the end your time here. You should push through being burnt out and keep working as hard as you can, as 'square' as that sounds, because let's face it: In the real world, you just keep going.

THE LITTER BOX

I've wanted to do the As We Go walk for two years now and am just hearing info about it. So exclusive, let me get involved!

Don't get mad at me for "disturbing" the background of your even more disturbing snapchat.

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Best apps to download in the new year

Kick off the spring semester with the ideal phone apps that will complement your college lifestyle

LAUREN CORCINO
SENIOR REPORTER

Culinary

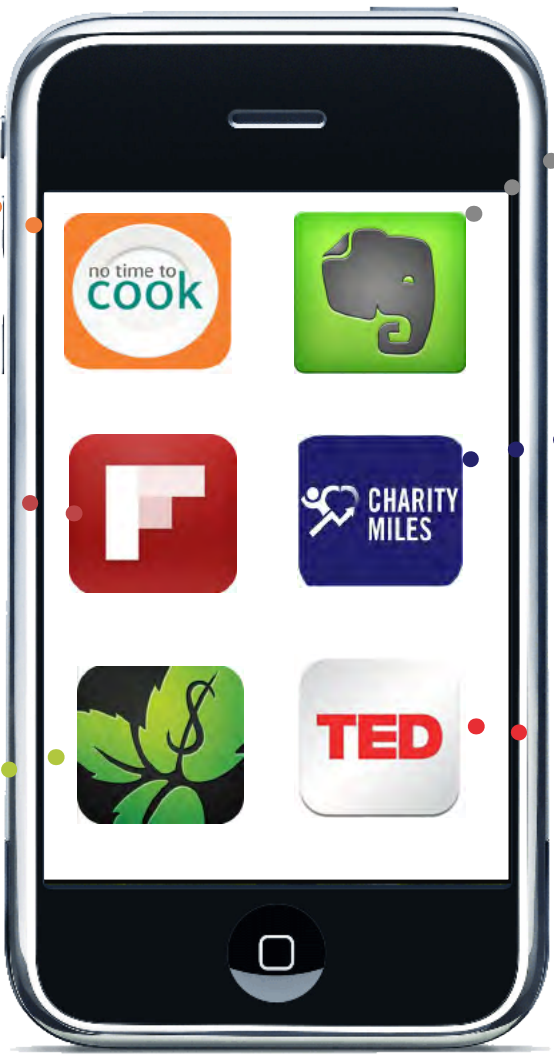
Spice up your stale menu lists with Real Simple- No Time to Cook, which provides recipes that can be made in 40 minutes or less. The start screen of the app asks the user to select their main ingredient that will be used and the amount of time that they have allotted for cooking. The app pulls from its list of over 900 recipes to give the user a curated selection based on their input. Each recipe is complemented with how-to videos, step-by-step instructions and a grocery list that makes it easy for every college student to follow.

Social news

Flipboard is a social news app that creates a personal magazine for each user that can be modified to the topics that fit their interests. Popular publications such as Wired magazine or USA Today can be added to an individual's Flipboard creating an easier access to user's favorite media sources in one place. When browsing through Flipboard's content, users are able to save things they enjoy by creating individual magazines for each topic. Social media accounts can also be added to a user's Flipboard and will be displayed in a magazine format with headlines and excerpts, allowing for responses, comments and likes to be made in the app.

Finances

Mint.com is a free finance app that allows an individual to track and manage their money on-the-go, informing them with accurate information regarding their finances. Once an account is opened, the user can add their bank, credit and loan accounts, allowing Mint.com to automatically categorize their transactions and create a customized budget based on their spending. This app provides each user with bill reminders, alerts and easy-to-understand graphs that identify exactly where the user's money is going.



Organization

If you are looking for a way to stay organized on-the-go, Evernote is an app that focuses on improving productivity by giving you vital organizational tools. Evernote allows you to sync notes and files from your computer to a device, create and edit to-do lists, record audio notes and share those notes with classmates via Facebook and Twitter. Instead of carrying your notebooks, textbooks and laptop with you everywhere you go, Evernote combines all of those items to fit in the palm of your hand.

Fitness

Donate to charity without breaking your college student budget with the exercise app Charity Miles. Charity Miles measures the distance of your workout and allows you to earn money for your charity with each mile you complete. Each individual chooses a charity of their choice ranging from Feeding America to the Wounded Warrior Project and selects whether they will be biking, running or walking. Bikers earn \$0.10 per mile, and runners and walkers earn \$0.25 per mile.

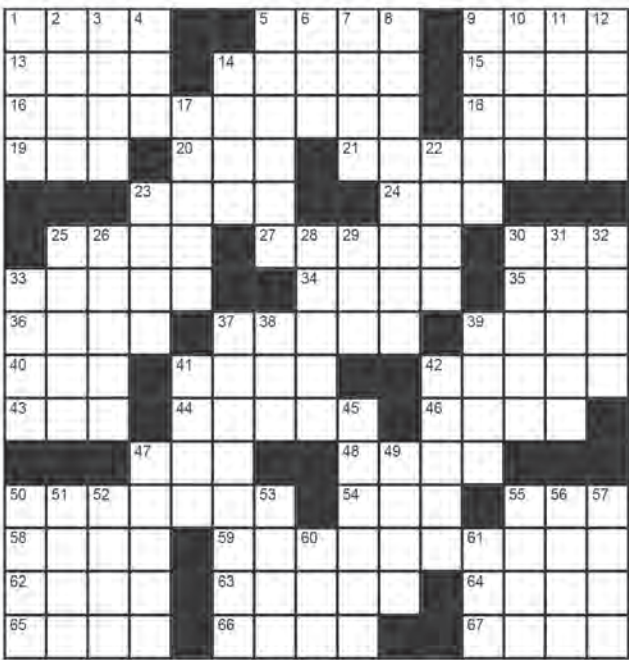
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When you have a moment to slow down, it is tempting to scroll mindlessly through your social media and read over the same updates from five minutes ago. TED Talks holds thousands of videos from global conferences with scholars, thinkers and doers who are challenged to give a talk in 18 minutes or less that will inspire their listeners. With the talks ranging from "Denise Herzing: Could we speak the language of dolphins?" to "Paolo Cardini: Forget multitasking, try monotasking," these videos offer valuable insight to the world we live in and challenge viewers to consider and embrace new ideas.

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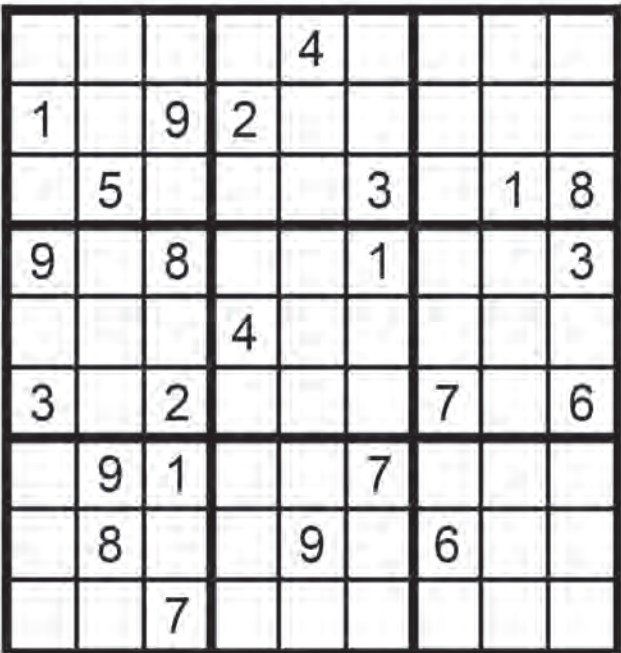
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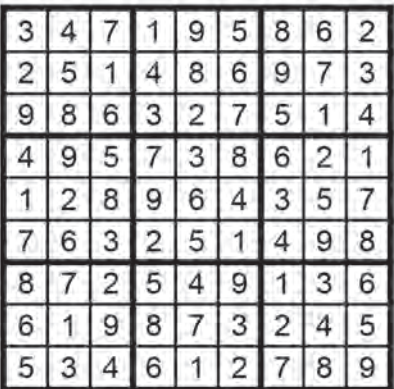
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Willy Wonka Boot Camp

CONSTANTINA KOKENES
SENIOR REPORTER

Russell Auditorium transformed into a larger-than-life Candyland. Charlie Bucket rejoiced in finding the fifth Golden Ticket. Oompa Loompas danced around the stage, singing about naughty children and their bad habits.

But there was no one in the audience. The cast of “Roald Dahl’s Willy Wonka” participated in a four-day boot camp in Russell Auditorium, blocking the entire show in a mere 40 hours.

Amy Pinney, theatre professor and director of “Wonka” discussed the process of blocking the show.

“Some of [the blocking] I can do on paper and in my head,” Pinney said, “but a lot of it requires live bodies in the space to create the pictures that we want.”

Halley Bowman, junior theatre major, plays Augusta Gloop and marveled on the amount of work the cast was able to do in four days.

“The fact that we’ve gotten so much done in this small amount of time is incredible, and getting the show on its feet is a really good feeling,” she said.

Bowman also reflected on the energy that radiated throughout the boot camp.

“It’s all been positive energy,” she said. “Besides being tired, there hasn’t been a terrible moment.”

Joanna Grissom, freshman theatre major, portrays Mrs. Gloop and discusses the boot camp and how beneficial it has been for the show.

“It’s a lot of fun and really hard work, but it’s all going to pay off,” she said. “We’ve all bonded every night after rehearsal. I think it’s really necessary to bring everybody together.”

The main cast of the show are Charlie Bucket, played by freshman music major Nich Stinson, and Willy Wonka, played by senior music education major David Dingess.

“I’m extremely excited,” Stinson said regarding his role. “It’s so great to be given this part. There are no words to describe it.”

Dingess expressed his connection with Wonka.

“I feel like I’m a little quirky [and] like I’m a lone wolf. I’m out just searching for a good friend so I can connect with that...I also just love to be sassy,” he said.

Although they are similar, Dingess acknowledges that portraying Wonka has its challenges.

“I have to really step up anything that is odd,” he said. “I have to think about what someone would do if they did not care for social norm at all.”

On the final day of boot camp, the cast ran through the entire show, which only run around an hour and a half.

“The entire show is geared for kids,” Pinney said, “and we’re aiming for two 45-minute acts.”

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A cappella group in the making

SCOTT CARRANZA
SENIOR REPORTER

“Pitch Perfect” may be a reality right around the corner for Georgia College. SGA President Pro Tempore Juwan Jackson has begun laying the framework for an all-inclusive student a cappella group for those with a passion for singing.



JUWAN JACKSON

With two years of vocal classes under his belt and experience singing in church choirs, Jackson is looking to start the a cappella group he says students have been asking for.

“A few weeks before our winter break, I heard a group of students talk about wanting to start an a cappella group,” Jackson said. “I walked up to them, talked to them about it and next thing you know, we are on track to have our first interest meeting in order to get this a cappella group off the ground and running.”

However, GC’s Department of Music already created an a cappella group during the fall semester of 2013. A more private endeavour started by university President Steve Dorman, “The Cat’s Meow” is comprised of hand-picked Max Noah singers. They frequent alumni luncheons and various private affairs.

“Hopefully by mid-March we will see a fully formed a cappella group on our campus, open to every student regardless of your major.”

Juwan Jackson,
SGA President Pro Tempore

Jackson acknowledged the group’s existence and is hoping to create something a bit different.

“Before I decided to form this a cappella group, I did a little research and found out that there already is an a cappella group on campus but is only reserved for music majors,” Jackson said. “We want this group to be available for all students regardless of your major.”

Jackson reaffirmed that his a cappella group would stay out of competition with the department of music’s, and that his group is purely for enjoyment.

The group plans on having an interest meeting to see if enough students are willing to participate. Weeks afterwards, the first round of interviews and auditions will take place to establish founding members.

“Hopefully by mid-March we will see a fully formed a capella group on our campus, open to every student regardless of your major,” Jackson said. “We want everyone who has a passion for music to come together and have fun with it.”

After GC’s Homecoming celebration, the group will begin conducting auditions to fill up the group with talented singers. The interest meeting will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 21 at 5 p.m. in Chappell Hall 113. For more information, contact Juwan Jackson at (478) 731-9382.

Dough Boy: First look at new pizza restaurant



MARK WATKINS / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

Dough Boy’s White pizza, pictured above, is one of their most popular options with their patrons.

SAMANTHA BLANKENSHIP
SENIOR REPORTER

A college town can never have too many pizza joints. OK, that’s not necessarily true, and Milledgeville certainly has its fair share of the collegiate culinary favorite. What I should say is: A college town can never have too many quality pizza joints.

At first taste, Dough Boy Pizza appears to be a potential quality pizza place and contender in the Downtown food scene. Located a few doors down from Metropolis Café on North Wayne Street, Dough Boy would be easy to miss as an up-and-coming Downtown restaurant.

The unassuming exterior doesn’t improve much once you walk through the doors. Although the bar and open kitchen have a nice vibe with some exposed brick and string lights, the effect is completely lost in the seating part of the restaurant. Besides some interesting lights over the tables, there is no visual appeal in the front half of the store.

However, they’ve only been open about a week, so we’ll give them some time before we condemn them on a slightly unappealing appearance. Also, Dough Boy’s layout suggests it’s catering to a takeout crowd. The seating is limited to small dining tables and ordering is at

the bar. Honestly though, as long as the food is good, we’re guessing the Doughboy crowd will give them a pass on the seating area.

What Dough Boy may lack in visual stimulation, it makes up in its menu. Although other restaurants try to mesmerize you with their sheer volume of useless entrees (who goes to The Brick and orders a grilled cheese anyway?), Dough Boy keeps it simple with the focus right where it should be: the pizza.

Although I’m not a fan of cutesy names, some of the specialty pizzas were sufficiently amusing. You’ll find that the Chuck Norris packs plenty of meat, just like Chuck would want it. I opted for a slice of the Gandhi, which, as it turns out, has nothing to do with the fact that he was Indian and everything to do with the fact that he was vegetarian.

The staff was helpful and friendly, and they got the food out in 10 minutes, give or take.

A word to the hungry: A single slice is not going to do it. I know the price is tempting, but if you have any kind of appetite, you’re going to need at least two. Luckily, Dough Boy gets this and has lunch specials for two slices and a drink for under \$10, so that’s convenient.

To be fair, I’m not your typical foodie. I don’t

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FRESH
FACES

TAYLER PITTS
SENIOR REPORTER

MMA student finds balance

**Editor’s Note: “Fresh Faces” will be a weekly segment in the A&E section where profiles of Georgia College students or Milledgeville residents will be featured.*

Down on all fours, James Pruett crawls as fast as he can across the bright red mat. He reaches the other side, draws in a big breath and races back to the start.

Pruett and the rest of the MMA teammates finish their bear crawls and quickly launch into roll outs across the floor. Sweat drips off their faces and ragged breathing mixes with the sound of skin against skin grating over the mat. “Don’t Stop Believing” by Journey ends and the students finish their warm-ups and await further instructions.

It’s 6:30 p.m. and coach Frank Mullis plugs in his iPod.

Suddenly, the sound of the classic ‘80s song “Eye of the Tiger” fills the loud-speakers, encasing the small room in a steady bass and signals the official start of the Milledgeville Academy of Mixed Martial Arts’ (MAMMA) practice.

It’s dark outside now. Practice has ended, and Pruett, senior physics major, takes a few moments to prioritize in his head the week to come.

The week will be just like any other. A week crammed with classes, studying, researching, training, teaching and the list goes on.

“I train anywhere from 14 to 22 hours a week not counting visits to the weight room or swimming pool,” said Pruett. “This year has been fairly standard in terms of busyness and activity. Compared to past years, I have spent more time on the mats training. I think that martial arts is the best stress relief out there.”

Stress relief is a key component in Pruett’s everyday life. He, like most students, go above and beyond with the extracurricular activities.

When he is not at school or MAMMA, Pruett is active in physics club, wrestling, jazz band and teaching MMA to young kids.

He’s a college student just like any other.

Yet, he’s one of the few who understands just how important time management and relieving stress is to a healthy college life-style.

According to Harvard Magazine, students today are in a constant “frenetic tizzy” of daily schedules, academic work and giant helpings of extracurricular activity.

Workloads come in all shapes and sizes, especially depending on the grade level. So, how do so many students, like James Pruett, tack on as many resume building activates of overflowing,

overlapping work as possible without burning out?

“You have to have time management and to be honest maybe a little ADD,” said MAMMA coach and owner Frank Mullis.

Mullis has known Pruett for four years now and knows students like him have to be smart and organized.

“It’s a matter of good time management and being dedicated to being able to have time for yourself also.”



Time management.

It’s a term every college student knows, but struggles to execute. For Pruett, it’s the only way to survive his paramount schedule.

A class schedule that includes 8 a.m. wake-up calls followed by a breakfast that’s “potato and meat heavy,” says roommate Tanner Mortensen, then a somber walk to Herty. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays he wants to sleep late, but drags himself out of bed for Intro to Quantum Mechanics followed by an afternoon of mind-numbing lectures about Economics in Society.

Tuesdays and Thursdays he is submerged in Applied Numeri-

cal Analysis, Advanced Physics Lab, Jazz Band and research time.

Pruett says he designates “a certain amount of time to each class, with more challenging courses getting more attention.” Understandable. But, now his campus visit is over.

Next is everything outside of school and for Pruett, he knows to he can’t lose the collected mindset. But, internally he switches gears to focus on the afternoon and nights congealed with numerous obligations.

Leaving his two-story home (believed to be an old slave house), Pruett gets in his car and heads to place he loves most: the academy.

“I try to be done with all my schoolwork by 4 p.m. so I can focus on training later in the day,” said Pruett.

His weekends aren’t so different.

“On Saturdays I go to wrestling practice at 9 a.m. and will usually stay past noon. Then I head up to the GC’s observatory around 11 p.m. to conduct research on asteroids.”

Pruett heads to South Wayne Street to MAMMA to train in kickboxing and Brazilian jiu jitsu. When he arrives to the dojo, which is crammed into a rundown shopping center, he takes to the bright, florescent red mat where not his teammates, but young children join him.

After an hour of teaching kids ages five to seven in Brazilian jiu jitsu, he heads to the back room to readjust his solid black MAMMA kimono and adds his new rank of purple belt around his uniform. He then begins his own practice and training for the night.

Five days a week he repeats a similar schedule. Two days are dedicated exclusively to Brazilian jiu jitsu training, with the allotted time to teaching kids for one of those days. The rest are a mixture of early-afternoon and late-afternoon practices sometimes twice a day.

Harvard Magazine has reported that it is not uncommon to see students pushing themselves. “Undergraduates tend to push themselves relentlessly and to disbelieve physical limits.”

Pruett competes at least three times a year in jiu jitsu and is currently aiming to get an amateur MMA fight under his belt before he graduates, maybe even a kickboxing tournament or two as well.

“I got into jiu jitsu basically right out of high school. I was on the high school wrestling team, and I have always been fascinated with martial arts, so I signed up,” said Pruett. “My first jiu jitsu class sealed the deal though, I knew instantly that this was something I wanted to do.”

Planning and executing is a part of Pruett’s nature, so naturally he has some ambitious goals for the future. He is even looking to attend med school before long, but before he graduates Pruett just wants to keep excelling and focusing on a day-to-day management of school and jiu jitsu.

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The unique beats of this album is the first thing that grabs the listener’s attention. The leader and songwriter, Jean-Philip Grobler, is straight out of Johannesburg and starts off the album with “The Night Comes Again,” bringing luminous synth energy to the room. The rest of the album continues with more tunes that bring memories of the 1980’s. The feel-good song of the album “Wait for Love” keeps it going with harmonies and a beat that keeps the positive theme for the album. The lyrics of each song send out a positive message, and new listeners of this album are encouraged by these rhythms when their ears meet the sound waves.
Check this out if you like 80’s music or Imagine Dragons.



Anything In Return comes from, Toro y Moi, a chill-wave band from Colombia, South Carolina, and strikes the attention of R&B listeners out there. Songs like “Cake” and “Never Matter” each have different beats that are for dancing or just straight out chill time. The tunes on this record are filled with synth and funky sounds. “Touch” is a unique instrumental song that is perfect for that studying playlist. “So Many Details” is the most played from this album on Spotify. The leader of this group is Chaz Bundick, and he has still maintained his unique sound and techniques for the band’s fourth album.
Check this out if you like Foster The People, Washed Out, and Alt-J.



An L.A. band formed by former Girls’ member Darren Weiss and Daniel Presant, bassist/songwriter, released it first full length in 2013. It consists of indie-rock songs that have a hint of Springsteen in them. The catchiest song is “I Am the Lion King” which has a buildup at the beginning that starts the jam off perfectly. The echoes of harmonies and mesmerizing sounds also come through in songs like “If You’re My Girl, Then I’m Your Man” and “Young Rut”.
Check this out if you like The Killers or Girls.



Sallie Ford’s strong vocals are the biggest strength of the album, and contains soulful tracks giving more credit to girl power and dance parties. “They Told Me” leads the track-list and gives the album an upbeat and sassy start. This is Sallie Ford’s second album, and it is different than the first one in a sense that it has a less rockabilly feel and a stronger alternative style. The mix of the songs on this album have a range of style which makes Sallie Ford & The Outside Sound unique and sets their sound apart. Each song has a different beat and theme that still display Sallie’s powerful vocals.
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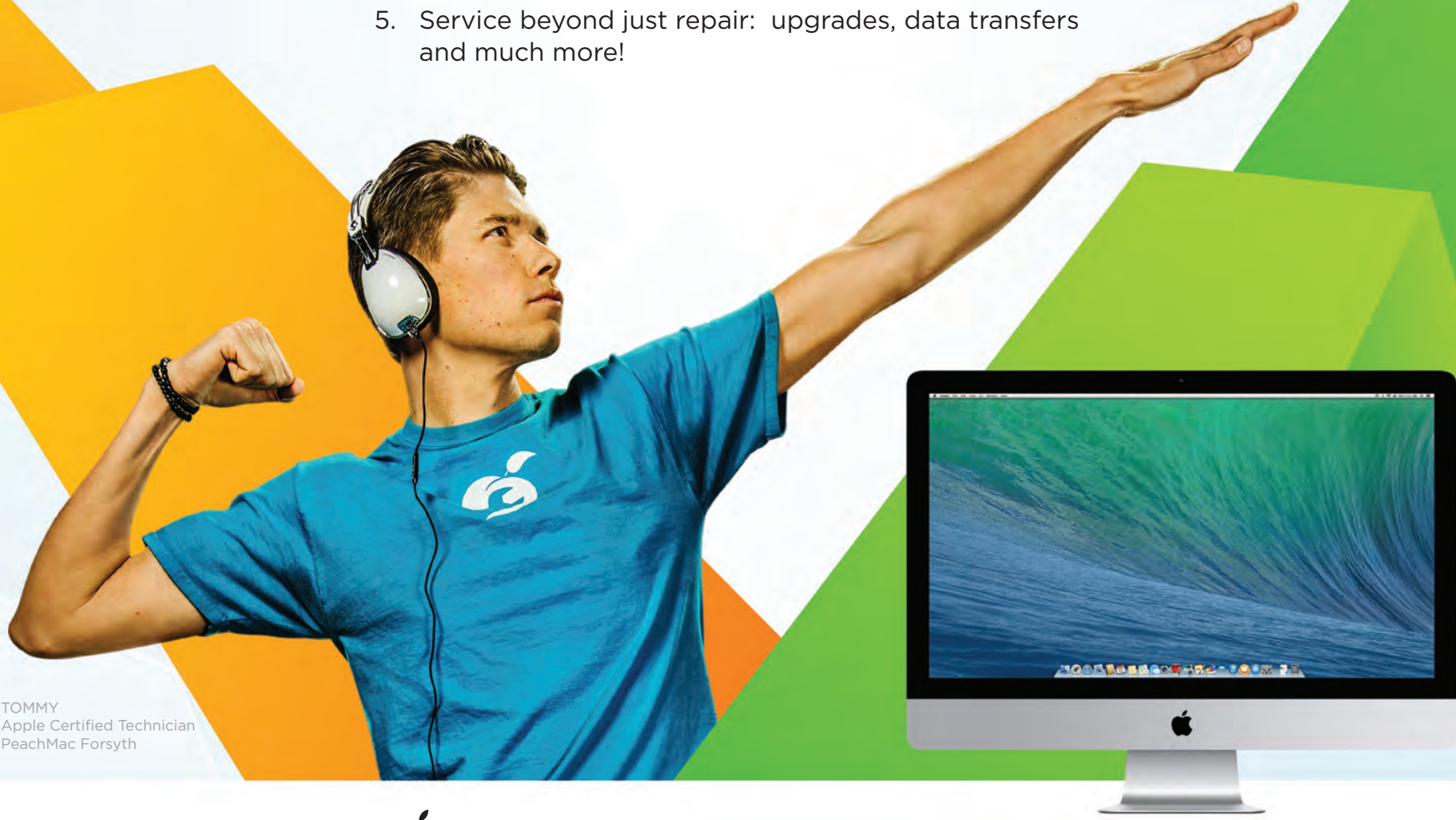
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(Top) Music Director Wendy Mullen helps the cast run through a quick piano set. (Bottom left) Senior music education major David Dingess rehearses a solo as the chocolatier, Willy Wonka.

Willy Wonka
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Wendy Mullen, music professor and music director of “Wonka,” explained the reasoning for the target audience.
“We’ve done a variety of musicals...and we just decided it was time to do a children’s show,” she said.
This version of Willy Wonka was adapted from the original book “Charlie and the Chocolate Factory” by Roald Dahl. However, there were some changes to the Oompa Loompas.
“They’re individuals,” Pinney said. “Each Oompa Loompa looks different.”
In fact, there are eight different Oompa Loompas: Sweet Justice (Hero Oompa), Oompa Blue (Protest Oompa), Rhapsody (Hip-hop Oompa), Tribute Oompa, Punk Rock Oompa, Hipster Oompa, Ninja Oompa and Princess Oompa. Each Loompa will have its own unique costuming and makeup.
As for Violet turning blue, you’ll just have to wait and see.
The show will be performed Feb. 26 - March 1 at 8 p.m. in Russell Auditorium and again on March 2 at 2 p.m.

Dough Boy
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Instagram my lunch. I don’t have a subscription to Cook’s Illustrated. And, I don’t take particular joy in describing my food in painful detail, but I do enjoy good pizza.
One word on the veggies: fresh. The mozzarella was thick and clumpy, more akin to traditional Italian pizza than most red-blooded Americans are accustomed to. Trust me; it’s better this way.
The best part by far was the crust. It was

crunchy but not overcooked or chewy.
I’ve tried every pizza joint in town (don’t judge), but after one trip to Dough Boy, I’ve got a new favorite. It was was the closest to traditional Italian pizza, without straying too far from our own American version.
So, in summary, the current lack of seating and atmosphere could hurt Dough Boy, but I would totally grab a pizza to go for your next movie night, or if you’re feeling hungry late at night. Oh yeah, forgot to mention, Dough Boy is open until 3 a.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Spotlight

Amanda Selby, sophomore mass communication major, dresses up as different Disney princesses to entertain children.

Q: What is Princesses with a Purpose?
A: A nonprofit, charity organization. We dress up as fairy-tale characters, and we go and visit children. We do everything fully in character and just try to interact with the kids and take pictures.

Q: How did you become interested in Princesses with a Purpose?
A: My friend Clay knows the director. He found out they were going to have an audition for Princesses with a Purpose, and he told me, “Amanda, you have to do this. This will be perfect for you.” I went to the audition, and she decided to cast me.

Q: What characters do you portray?
A: I’ve been Mulan, Jasmine, Silvermist – she was one of Tinkerbell’s fairy friends. I was Alice from “Alice in Wonderland.”

Q: Who are your favorite princesses to dress up as?
A: My favorites have been Snow White, Ariel and Belle. Snow White has always been one of my favorite princesses. Ariel’s really fun because she doesn’t know anything about the human world, so you just pretend like you don’t know anything, and the kids tell you what everything is. It’s just really exciting because kids like to explain stuff. You have really fun interactions as Ariel.

Q: What is one of your fondest memories that occurred while dressed up?
A: It was at the Happily Ever After Ball in Savannah in August of this year. I had been having a really stressful day before the event. I wasn’t really feeling as if I would be able to put my best princess foot forward. That was when I met Callie. She was so sweet, even though she couldn’t walk or talk. I held her in my arms, and



Courtesy of Miranda Bryant

she hugged me and tried to give me a kiss on the cheek. It gave me the motivation to get through the rest of the event and knowing that I could make a child that happy and have a special moment like that, it made everything else that happened earlier in the day completely worth it.

Q: What are some of the goals that Princesses with a Purpose have accomplished?
A: The organization has been around for about two-and-a-half years. Ever since they’ve started, our director, Miranda, has really wanted to be able to go to St. Jude’s and we finally got the opportunity to go. It is so awesome because she has been wanting to do this for so long and they have finally gotten to do it, and I’m so excited for them.

by Sophie Goodman

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Fluctuation of Power

As the Bowl Championship Series wrapped up, we watched the end of an era in American history and a chapter in collegiate football. If we've taken anything from this saga, it is that the projected game winners are never certain and no football dynasty, whether it's a conference or a team, lasts forever.

As we examine the last few decades and their respective college football champions, we can observe a shift of power amongst the teams and especially the conferences.

The 1980s and early 1990s produced national champions such as Georgia, Miami, Oklahoma, Clemson, BYU, Penn State, Oklahoma, Georgia Tech, Notre Dame and especially Miami, which had an astonishing three national championships (Miami's program currently is in shambles, along with its fan-base).

The Southeastern Conference was poorly represented during those times, producing only two national champions during the '90s. That decade saw the Big 12 Conference, the Atlantic Coast Conference and independent Miami being highly successful.

From 1991 to 2001, there were champions such as Alabama, Oklahoma, Florida State, Nebraska, Florida, Michigan and Tennessee – a slight rise in SEC champions. But the decade was still heavily dominated by the Big 12 and the ACC. Nebraska and Florida State both earned two national titles.

In the 2000s, conference realignment, star athletes (who help the flow of future recruits) and most importantly, strong recruiting, fell in favor of the SEC. This shift of power helped solidify the conference's decade (or more) of superiority in the 2000s up until 2013.

In 2013, Florida State enjoyed an unprecedented season in regard to the team's personal records and in terms of national records. The Seminoles set an all-time record in scoring. That record, along with the best defense in the country, eventually helped them overcome the Auburn Tigers by a score of 34-31 in the national championship game.

After seven consecutive SEC national championships since 2006, the SEC failed to win its eighth. A heavily-favored Alabama, which won three national titles in the 2000s, failed to win the SEC championship and then fell to Oklahoma in the Sugar Bowl. With Auburn then losing to FSU in the national championship game, two of the SEC's marquee teams faltered at season's end.

In contrast, the Seminoles experienced their best season after more than a decade of suffering. Their less-than-stellar seasons started shortly after Mark Richt resigned as the offensive coordinator after the 2000 season. This decade failed to live up to the previous Seminole seasons, producing many losses each season, with the team's all time low a 7-6 record in 2006.

The Seminoles of old held an unmatched 14-year record from 1987 to 2000, finishing in the top four each season. During this period, the Noles held a record of 152-19-1, winning 88 percent of their games. With these wins came two national championships in 1993 and 1999. In the 1990s, the Noles held a record of 109-13-1, the winningest team of the decade.

To read the rest of the story, go online to gcsunade.com



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Top: Senior guard Aaron Robinson goes up for a basket against Young Harris players. The men's game went down to the wire with the Bobcats winning in the last minute, 81-78, on Jan. 11. Above: Lady Bobcats watch their teammates from the sidelines. The women's basketball team lost to Young Harris in an overtime game Jan. 11, 60-55.

An unexpected win and loss for Bobcat basketball

Georgia College basketball men's and women's teams went head-to-head with Young Harris to conclude the winter break games

HAMPTON PELTON
SENIOR REPORTER

The Georgia College men's and women's basketball teams competed one last time before the winter break ended.

Their Jan. 11 doubleheaders were their last conference game of the winter break, the men winning to Young Harris 81-78 and the women losing 60-55.

GC's men seemed to be outmatched against Young Harris College on paper due to Young Harris' impressive record, but once the buzzer signaled the end of the game, the final score read 81-78 in GC's favor.

Clutch performances from senior guard Royal Thomas, who scored 20 points, along with sophomore guard Ryan Blumenthal and junior guard Larrentis Thomas, who tallied a double-double.

"It felt good," Royal Thomas said. "We've been working at practice. We couldn't find a way to finish our games, but we found one tonight."

Sophomore Bobcat guard Terrell Harris pumped in 14 points off the bench and was 5-of-7 from the floor.

Freshman forward Kelvin Nwanze posted double-digit points for the first time in his career. Nwanze added eight rebounds and scored 11, blocking two attempts, all in 20 minutes of play.

"First period we were thinking attack," Royal Thomas said. "We knew that they were a fast team just like us, but we wanted to attack at our own pace. We got kind of behind, but we knew if we could stop them we would win the game."

The Bobcat men out-shot Young Harris 48 percent to 46 percent, besting the visitors 37-33 on the boards.

"All that practice we put in, it finally paid off," said Royal Thomas.

However, although the GC women's basketball team seemed to be more powerful than Young Harris on paper, the game proved otherwise.

Individually, the lady Bobcats did not perform up to par with Young Harris, going 22-62 on field goals made, 5-25 on 3-pointers and doubling the number of Young Harris' 11 personal fouls, to give GC 22 person fouls in total.

"We fought hard. That's about it," said Shanteona Keys, junior guard on GC's

women's basketball team. "We've got to box out, do the simple fundamental things."

Keys' focus was on the upcoming conference games.

"We were ranked in the top 25 this last week, so this loss will probably take us out of that," said Keys. "In the grand scheme of things, the ranking during season right now doesn't really matter, what really matters is these conferences wins and to get into the top four during the tournament."

Young Harris outscored GC in the first quarter 24-23 but was outscored by GC in the second half, 29-28. The deciding factor in the game was during overtime, when Young Harris capitalized and put eight points on the board compared to GC's three.

"We're going up to North Georgia Wednesday, so we're really looking forward to it," said Enisha Donley, junior guard on GC women's basketball team. "Go back, win at their place, get another conference win and move past this game. That is what we're really looking forward to right now."

The loss did not take the lady Bobcats out of the top 25 in the USA Today Coaches' Poll, but knocked them down from No. 22 to No. 24 in the Division II rankings.

Upcoming Games

Basketball:

Jan. 20 men and women @ home vs. Augusta GRU at 5:30 p.m.

Jan. 22 men and women @ home vs. No. 22 USC Aiken at 5:30 p.m.

Jan. 25 men and women @ Young Harris at 1:30 p.m.

Quote of the Week

"It felt good. We've been working at practice. We couldn't find a way to finish our games, but we found one tonight."

-Senior guard Royal Thomas on the men's basketball win over Young Harris.

Notable Stat

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The total amount of points scored by the Florida State Seminoles during the 2013-14 season, an all-time FBS record.

The Short Stop



Rocky road to nationals

A new head coach joins the Bobcat cheer squad amid a difficult season

BETHAN ADAMS
SENIOR REPORTER

The Georgia College cheerleading squad has a new head coach: Amber Collins. A former Bobcat cheerleader, Collins was asked to fill the position just one year after graduating from GC with her master's degree in business administration.

When the previous head coach, Jimmy Redus, left last semester, the cheer team coached itself from July to September. Senior cheerleader Misty Heath said Redus felt like he couldn't give the team the attention it deserved between his work and family.

Even after placing fourth in the National Cheerleaders Association (NCA) National Championship in April, the cheer team had a rocky season what with the departure of one coach and the arrival of a new one. The team dealt with injuries and dropouts, leaving the squad seven members short of the 20 that is normally recommended to ensure safety as they flip and tumble.

"It's kind of been a rough ride, but we're doing the best we can," Heath said. "We're trying to stay optimistic, and I think we still have a chance. We obviously want to go for a national title for a big conference win, but we're just going to see how everything falls into place. It's going to be difficult for sure."

Collins said athletic director Wendell Staton approached her with the job opportunity. She said if the position had not been filled, the then uncoached team could not have competed at nationals.

"You have to have a coach who's certified with a couple of things [to attend nationals]," she said. "So I came on and said, 'I'm willing to do this, but I'm going to need your help getting the certification, so from a liability standpoint and legal standpoint we've got what we need.'"

Heath said she and her teammates tried to be involved in choosing a new coach after Redus left, but she said the candidates they put forward for review were never contacted.

"We had picked people we wanted to coach



us, and we had several people that we really thought could carry this program where to where we wanted it to go, and we submitted applications, but they were never contacted," she said. "The job was never actually posted, so it wasn't really spread. [Collins] didn't even apply, it was thrown at her, so it was kind of like this is just what we got stuck with."

Heath said if Collins had not filled the posi-



tion, their program may have faced some cuts. "This past year we ended up fourth in the nation and the year before that we won conference, but the athletic director said that there wasn't a lot of return on investment with us," Heath said.

The team is adjusting to having a coach again, especially since she is similar in age and cheered alongside many of them a couple of



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Counter clockwise from top right: Cheerleaders Kollyn Smith and Emily Cook pump up the crowd; senior Misty Heath and fellow cheerleaders stand on the sidelines; new head coach Amber Collins; cheer team performs an arabesque during the Jan. 11 game.

years ago. Collins is taking a gentle approach to the situation and said she prefers to be the team's advisor instead of a coach.

Collins recruited Heath to GC, and the two cheered together alongside a few other cheerleaders who are still on the team and pursuing graduate degrees.

"It's hard to adjust from being just friends to actually respecting her as a coach," Heath said. "I think we've all done a good job, there hasn't been any disrespectful moments. I think we all respect her on a personal level, so it's made it easier, I think."

Collins married GC's assistant golf coach, Kyle Collins, in August, and has a full-time job in the human resources department at GMC.

"Being on the newlywed budget, you have to work hard, but it's alright, I enjoy it," she said. "I'm not really much of an idle person, which is why every opportunity that comes up it's like 'Yeah, I'll add that to my plate,' and sometimes I get overwhelmed."

Junior cheerleader Dustin Manders, who transferred from Mercer to GC last year, said Collins' connections as a GC alumni has helped the team, and her young age has aided connecting with the team and understanding their point of view.

"Having a personal coach, someone who's been to nationals and done it before, it definitely is a good aspect," he said. "Just being younger, that's another thing, because [she's] able to talk to younger people and level with them."

Manders said she does well in preparing them for game days and helping them condition.

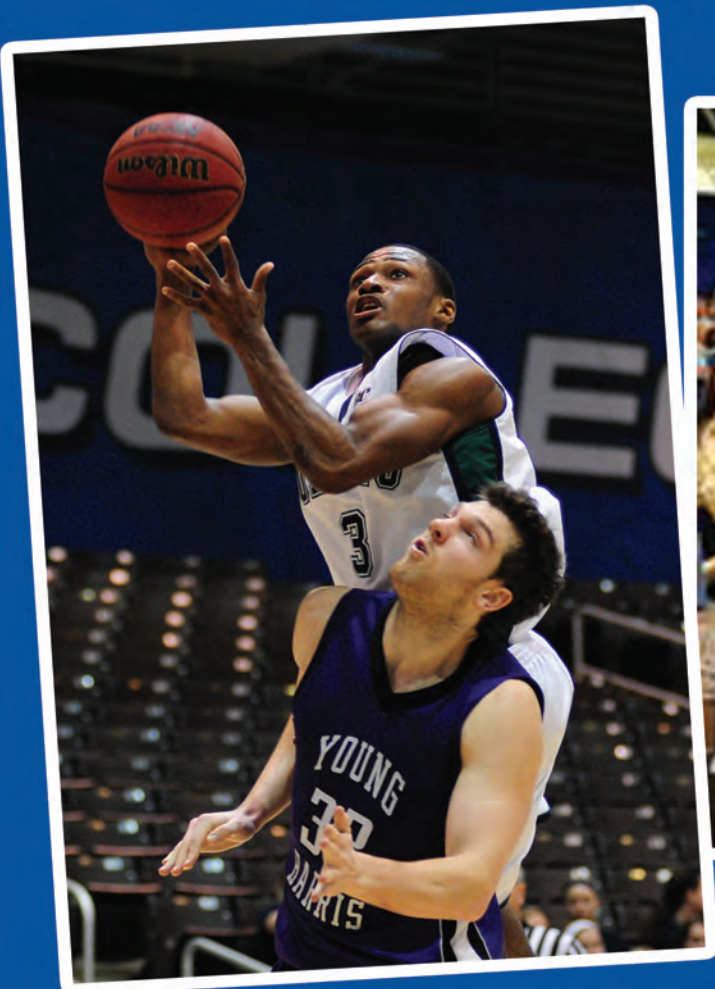
Collins said her role as an advisor with the

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No winter break for basketball

Bobcats further their quest for victory during the holidays

HAMPTON PELTON
SENIOR REPORTER

While many of us were recuperating from our fall 2013 semester, the Georgia College basketball teams, both men and women, were busy competing during winter break. Beginning Dec. 7, the Bobcat women’s basketball team went undefeated for 10 games, with its streak ending on Saturday, Jan. 4. North Georgia snapped GC’s perfect run by a 14-point margin, 86-72. The winning streak is second in the record books in terms of consecutive wins. The Lady Bobcats were only one win shy from tying the all-time, win-streak record of the women’s basketball team, which was earned by the 2003-2004 squad. GC went on to steamroll Flagler 92-78 for its 10th win, but faltered at home against Young Harris two days before the start of classes. During the game against Flagler, junior guard

Shanteona Keys ascended into the 1,000-point club with a 3-pointer to help fortify GC’s lead in the first half. The game would prove to be a landmark in the women’s basketball team’s season, scoring a season high of 97 points. The GC vs. Young Harris was a thriller in which the final scoreboard read 60-55, Young Harris. The Bobcats fought hard but lost their footing in the last minute of overtime giving way to a Young Harris five-point lead. The women’s basketball team looks to rectify its record with North Georgia Wednesday, Jan. 15. The men’s basketball team struggled throughout the winter break, going 4-for-10, losing six battles along the way. The men’s basketball team held a two-win streak during the break from Dec. 21-22, defeating Lenoir-Rhyne and Coastal Georgia until it succumbed to UNC Pembroke on Jan. 2. However, the Bobcats ended their winter break games in a win against Young Harris.

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Junior guard Shanteona Keys talked to Kendra Sherer about surpassing the 1,000 point mark in Keys’ GC basketball career. Check out the podcast on Paws to Listen at gcsunade.com



Junior guard Shanteona Keys drives the ball down the court in the Jan. 11 game. Keys joined the elite 1,000 point club at GC during winter break, accumulating 1,027 points total for her GC basketball career. Staff reporter Kendra Sherer talks with Keys about her 1,000 point feat on a podcast online at gcsunade.com.

Cheer squad

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title of head coach may change if the position lasts long term, but for now said she will advise and supervise. “I mean, I just kind of stepped out of [cheerleading] and stepped into this role,” she said. “So I told them I’d take the perspective of being very much an advisor, in that ‘this is your team. I’m not necessarily that person who could come in and teach you all these brand new things, but if you guys take the reins I will supervise and make sure no one gets hurt.’”



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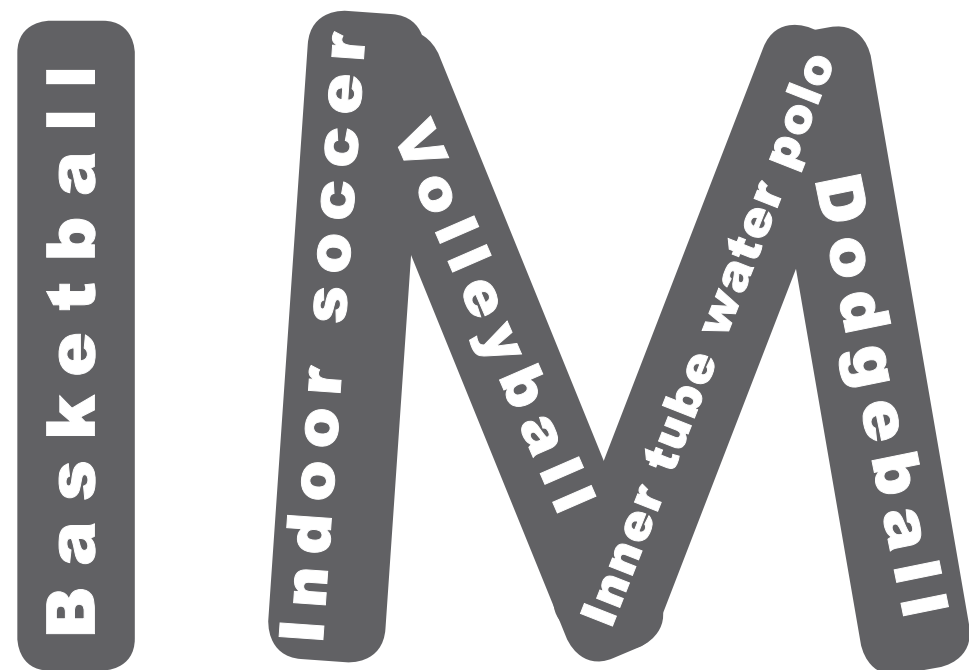
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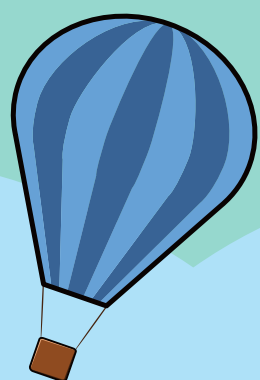
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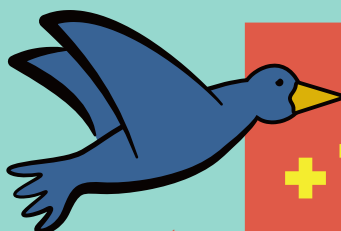
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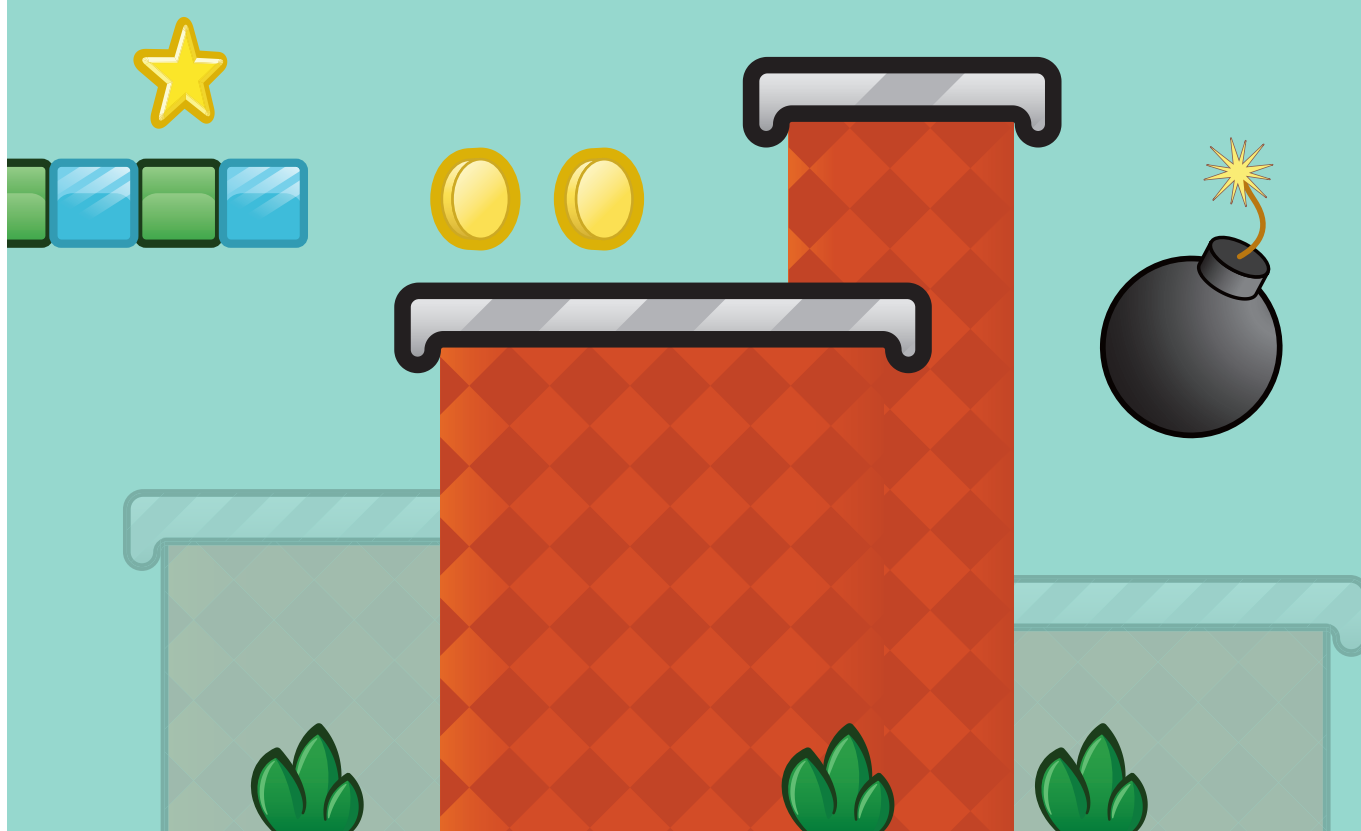
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